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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 29, 2004, Applicants offer the following claim clarifications, request for reconsideration and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.